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GRADING AND LABELING CANNED GOODS.

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"The efforts of the Department of Agriculture to induce the food processing industry to adopt the official standards in labeling and marketing their products, are apparently bearing fruit. One of the large grocery manufacturers is expected to use so-called informative labels on this season's pack, going practically all the way to comply with the official plans for general standardization. Since the chief opposition to the Government's plans was expected from the large manufacturers who have built up national brands at considerable expense, such a step by one of

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their number would break the ice and very likely cause the whole industry to co-operate with the plan, it is held."

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